

OBITUARIES

LIEUT.-COL. D. L. R. LORIMER, C.I.E.

Born on 24th December, 1876, David Lockhart Robertson Lorimer was educated at Dundee High School, Fettes College, and Trinity College, Oxford. Having entered the Army in 1896 he was gazetted to the Q.V.O. Corps of Guides and later seconded to the Khyber Rifles; in 1903 he joined the Indian Political Department. From the very beginning of his career the study of the life and languages of the various peoples among whom chance led him to work provided him with a "spare time" interest which was to last throughout his life. Though phonetics were not his strong point he had a gift for seeking out and defining the precise meaning of words. His philological interests were doubtless strengthened by his marriage, in 1910, to Emily Overend, a distinguished scholar of German and "a perfect consort" until her death in 1949.

His first work, *A Syntax of Colloquial Pashtu*, appeared in 1915, when he had returned for a while as Political Agent to Chitral, after some years in South Persia and the Gulf area. While serving as H.M. Consul in Kerman, 1912-14, he collected much material in the Bakhtiari and Gabri dialects of Persian, and his wife some in Kermani. In 1919 there appeared a delightful book of *Persian Tales*, translated jointly from these texts. *The Phonology of the Bakhtiari, Badakhshani and Madaglashti Dialects of Modern Persian* was a Prize Publication of this Society in 1922.

For their war services with the Indian Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, he was made C.I.E. in 1917 and Mrs. Lorimer appointed O.B.E. After their return to India in 1920 he was for four years Political Agent in Gilgit, where he devoted his attention to the Khowar, Shina, and Burushaski languages. The latter, philologically unconnected language, spoken in the remote states of Hunza and Nagir, was to bring him the widest recognition. After his retirement from the Political Department in 1927 he was awarded one of the first Leverhulme Research Fellowships, which enabled him to revisit Hunza with Mrs. Lorimer in 1934-35. Meanwhile

the Norwegian Institute for Comparative Research in Human Culture was publishing the first two volumes of his *Burushaski Language*, 1935 (the third volume appearing in 1938). In 1939 there followed his description of the *Dumāki Language* of the musician class in Hunza and Mrs. Lorimer's popular *Language Hunting in the Karakoram*. This vivid account of life among a simple, unspoilt people, written as a present for her husband, was to cause him no little bother in later years, when he was obliged to keep a file labelled "Hunza Humbug", owing to "the interest taken in the country by every kind of crank, from compost enthusiasts, nutritionists, vegetarians, and soil-theorists, down to anthropologists, artists, and dentists".

During the last war Col. Lorimer returned to his Armenian studies (begun in Julfa, Isfahan, in 1905) and assisted with the postal censorship. In 1948 he was awarded the Burton Memorial Medal of the Society, to whose *Journal* he had contributed a number of articles. In 1953 he was appointed an Honorary Fellow of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, which published his *Wakhi Language* in two volumes in 1958.

He died at his home in Welwyn Garden City on 25th February, 1962, having recently read the last proofs of a work on the Werchikwar dialect of Burushaski, also to be published in Norway. The sadly large unpublished portion of his linguistic material and his excellent photographic collection he bequeathed to the School.

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SIR PATRICK CADELL, C.S.I., C.I.E., V.D.

On 22nd November, 1961, this distinguished and lovable member of the Society died at Frilford Heath, Abingdon, aged 90.

Educated at Haileybury and Balliol, he developed a taste for history, won his Blue for Rugger, and was chosen to play for the South of England. In 1891 he entered the Indian Civil Service, spending most of his career in the Bombay Presidency and Sind. His most important posts were Municipal Commissioner, Bombay, Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, and Commissioner in Sind. In 1920 he married Agnes Aimée Kemp, whose death a month before his own he lamented in a letter to me, saying how lost he felt without her help and presence. He retired in 1926. But at the request of